

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 3, line 24 with the following amended paragraph:

Document US 2002/0182471 A1 discloses a sealing method and apparatus for a fuel cell stack that includes a stack of flow plates, a first gasket that is compatible with a coolant and a second gasket that is incompatible with the coolant. The first gasket forms a seal around a coolant manifold passageway between an adjacent pair of plates. At least one region of a particular plate may be associated with a reactant flow, and this plate may include internal passageways that extend between manifold passageways to communicate a coolant. A seal that is substantially permanent isolates the internal passageways from the regions of the fuel cell plate that may be associated with reactant flows.